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EDITORIAL OPINION

CONFUSION OF TONGUES
(Winchester Star)

A survey discloses that Russian language courses in 183 American colleges now draw only 5,000 students, a drop of 35 per cent since 1950.

This is laid by some observers to fear, not disinterest. Language professors say many students are obsessed by the thought that their pursuit of the Slavic tongue might lay them open to the charge of subversion. The professors are concerned about that. They think a thorough knowledge of Russian would be of inestimable value to young folks destined for the government service. It would be one prop to national security.

It would be fine if many thousands of American knew Russian. To broaden that thesis out a bit, it would be better if the majority of Americans were familiar with one or several alien tongues. As a people Americans have not overcome their insularity to the point of becoming bilingual or multilingual. The United States is almost unique among the great nations in that respect.

A wider familiarity with Spanish would be a good starting point. One of the definite national assignments is to develop a greater community of interests with Latin America. The best approach to neighborliness is the ability to converse with neighbors.

314.42 TO GO

There are 405.85 miles of secondary roads in Appomattox County Of this network of vital roads, only 91.44 miles are hardsurfaced.At current rates it will require 35 years to finish hardsurfacing secondary roads in the county. However, we doubt if there will be 100% hardsurfacing of secondary roads. But we would like the rate stepped up.

In like manner, the job on primary roads in this county is proceeding at a snail's pace in a jet age. At the present rate, how long will it take to complete the job of making U. S. 460 a dual highway? You figure it out— we fear we will not be around that long.

There will be tremendous pressure for the approval of President Eisenhower's plan for the Federal Government to embark on a vast road-building project. We do not believe that repeal of the present Federal gasoline tax and increase of the state gas tax by a like sum, plus adding another cent or two to the state gas tax, would be enough to complete Virginia's road needs in our generation. It is a stupendous task. Toll roads may gain in favor.

Local road forces are doing an excellent job and we have nothing but praise for the work they do. It may be up to the General Assembly to devise ways of speeding up the completion of the highway needs.

DEWEY'S RETIREMENT

Saturday, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, will complete his third term in Albany, and begin the practice of law in New York City. Governor Dewey is only 52 years of age. That is a young age for one with such a notable career of public service. For three terms he has been governor of the largest state in the Union. Twice he was the nominee of his party for the Presidency of the United States. It is likely that his services will again be requested in a public capacity. Although we are not familiar with New York state politics, we are inclined to feel that Mr. Dewey made an excellent governor. He will continue to be a dominant figure in his party.

N. C. State defeats North Carolina 47-44 in tournament game.

THE FRIENDLY SEASON
(The Colorado Times)

As the year draws to a close, we are impelled by the custom of long standing to view collectively the persons with whom we have been in contact. We see them as a kindly group in which we, too, want to belong.

For this is the time of the common weal, and mutuality of interest. Instead of thinking intently of ourselves and counting the gain or loss in our private affairs, we view in relaxed retrospect the graciousness and compassion which abounds about us. We realize that we are kin to our fellow man in many ways .. that he, too, may have his heartaches and thwarted plans, his uncertainties and doubts .. that in the dark of the night, he, too, may have had the sense of solitude which men feel when they stand alone .. when they crave assurance and understanding .. when merely a nod from someone is all that is needed to enhearten resolve, and give strength to purpose.

Like the light hidden behind a cloud, and coming out in due time in its brightness .. like the happiness which emerges from a troublesome dream, we at this season are eager to tell each other to be of good cheer, and meet the future with courage. We are extending the hand of appreciation, of fellowship and good will.

THE CLINK OR THE COUCH
(The New York Daily News)

A Municipal Judge named Homer W. Buckley, out in Oakland, Calif., is starting an experiment which we hope will be watched by traffic doctors the nation over.

For the duration of the experiment, chronic traffic violators who come before Judge Buckley can choose (1) a term in jail, or (2) a course on a psychiatrist's couch.

The psychiatist will try to find out what makes these people tick and what if anything can be done in each case to straighten out the mentality of the chronic horn-blower, road-hog speeder, slow poke or other variety of highway menace.

Such a cluck, says the psychiatist who worked out the details with Buckley, is "not crazy. He just doesn't care about other people. He's as self-centered and impulsive as a 5-year old."

Whether most such persons can be cured remains to be seen. The Buckley experiment ought to shed considerable light on that question for the guidance of traffic courts and driver license authorities every where. Congratulations to His Honor on what looks to us like a notable contribution to the cause of highway safety.

THING OF BEAUTY
(Savannah News)

Sometimes their very familiarity causes us to overlook some of the things most important to us in this daily grind to wrest a living from the world.

One such thing to a newspaperman is the typewriter.

Without it his lot would be an unhappy one because most of us never learned or have forgotten how to write legible and easy longhand. Most newsmen, whatever their typing habits may be, literally think with their fingers through the medium of this efficient and essential machine.

The typewriter was born 125 years ago as "the family letter press." First models were almost unbelievably cumbersome and idiosyncratic in their behavior. But they worked, and as a result there has been wrought a wholesale change in the world of business.

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But, despite all the work and research that has gone into the manufacture, the makers of typewriters have yet to perfect one that will automatically spell correctly. But then, we can't have everything.

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Dec. 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bates and children, from Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. John Staton and two boys and Mrs. Bessie Myers, from Madisonville visited Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Inge, from Wilson, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Inge during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Juddy Glover during the holidays.

Corporal C. W. Taylor Jr. has returned home after serving 23 months in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Herving, of Baltimore; Miss Christine Ryers, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hixson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. T. St. John and daughter, Miss Juanita St. John, of Richmond, all visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and son, of Winsor visited Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Ramsey.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. S. R. Hubbard is in the hospital and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Bascom Williams and son, Jimmy, of Richmond; Mrs. Edith Trower, from Norfolk, all visited Miss Flora Belle Williams and Robert Williams during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Winchester spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Clarke.

Winston Sheppard, of Jacksonville, Florida spent the Christmas holidays here with his sister, Mrs. Lewis Mann.

The Pamplin Dress Corp. enjoyed a delightful turkey dinner on the 23rd and closed for the Christmas holidays on the night of Dec. 23. The annual Christmas party was held at Woodman's Hall near Farmville. The occasion was enjoyed by all. The Corp. was delighted to have our employer, Mr. H. G. Borgenicht, of New York with us for this occasion.

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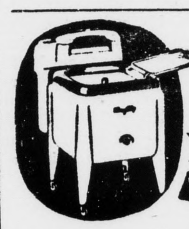

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 28.- Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Thad Massie, of Hampton and Mr. Avery Chocklett, of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Snowden, of Port Royal.

Mrs. Ethel St. John is ill at this writing.

Rev. Jay Stewart, of Wake Forest N. C. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Inge and son, Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey and daughter, Phyllis were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton Christmas Eve. Dinner guests in the same home on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis and son, Reggie, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge and daughter, Barbara Anne, and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wooldridge and children.

Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham and Mr. Avery Chocklett visited their brother, Rev. Andrew Chocklett, near Farmville Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter, Barbara Kay, and Mrs. O. C. Paulette were supper guests Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Basham, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Mrs. C. J. Paulette visited Mrs. Dorothy Blythe and family Monday night.

Mrs. G. W. Glover is visiting her children in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Inge, of Roanoke are visiting his sister, Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and children were supper guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Evergreen, Dec. 29.- Mr. Frank Glover, of Washington, D. C. spent last week with his sister, Mrs. [...] Staples.

Lawrence and Jay Stewart [...] ed their parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wa[...] and Mr. and Mrs. David Ga[...] Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and Billy and Charlie, of Washingto[n] C., were dinner guests of Mr. Mrs. J. P. Paulette last Sunda[y].

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans granddaughter, of Richmond ed Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wa[...] during the holidays.

Friends of Mrs. Jennie Jo[...] are sorry to hear that she is [a pa]tient in a Lynchburg hospital. wish her a speedy recovery.

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[Ri]chwood

[Ri]chwood, Dec. 28.- "Nothing can [...]ssing when reason does not [...] —Quoted.

[Se]rvices at the Central Baptist [...] Sunday morning.

[Mr.] and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and [daugh]ter, Judy, of Lynchburg were [gu]ests Christmas Day with Mr. [and] Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

[...] Joan Harvey spent the holi[days] with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. [...] Harvey.

[Mr.] and Mrs. W. E. Pillow and [...]avid, have been spending some [...] with Mr. and Mrs. Walter [...]

[...] Williams and children are [spendi]ng the Christmas holidays in [...]ssee with relatives.

[...] Tom Marsh spent Monday in [Lynch]burg with relatives.

[Mr.] and Mrs. Atwell Powell and [...]y visited in the home of D. [...]gh Monday evening.

[...] T. Wooldridge visited Monday [after]noon with Miss Estella Wool[dridge] and family.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 28.- Happy New Year to everyone and may this be a prosperous year to every reader of the Times-Virginian.

The weather has surely been lovely for the holidays. Hope it may continue for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and baby daughter, Nancy Jean, have returned to their home in Kingsport, Tenn., after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and children, of Covington spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Our hearts are all sad to see our pastor, the Rev. Floy Cox, and his lovely family move away from our parsonage. May the Lord bless them in their new home and keep them ever in His care.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick to help celebrate Mrs. Beard's birthday. We wish for her many more happy ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carson, of Philadelphia spent several days for Christmas with his brother, Clyde Carson and family.

Miss Alva Moore, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carson spent Sunday in Roanoke with Mrs. Lula T. Morgan and Mr. W. G. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. King at Concord on Sunday evening. Best wishes for this fine couple in the years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger and Mrs. Ruby Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Younger and family; Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Clay, of Rustburg, spent part of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent last Saturday with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had all their children and grandchildren with them for Christmas.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Spain and family and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dyess will leave tomorrow for their homes in Robertsdale, Ala. after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler spent part of last week in Roanoke with relatives.

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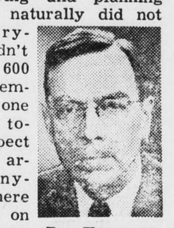
Devotional Reading: Psalm 119:89-96.

God's Word to Us

Lesson for January 2, 1955

WHEN the World Council of Churches was meeting in Evanston, Ill., last August, the representatives of the more than 160 churches who were working and praying and planning there together naturally did not agree on everything. You couldn't get together 600 outstanding members of even one denomination together and expect them never to argue about anything. But there was one point on which all were agreed at Evanston: every church there represented accepts the authority of the Bible as the Word of God. Over and over again in many different problems, the question would come up: What does the Bible say? Those who accused the World Council of "modernism" just do not know the Council or the churches that compose it. From the beginning of Christian history the Bible has been the top authority for individual Christians and for churches.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Live Wires

One of the most distinguished living translators of the Bible is J. B. Phillips, whose translations of the Gospels and the Epistles are widely used. He says in speaking of his work that he often had the same impression a man would have who comes on live wires in an old house. The Bible was written long ago, before a word of the English language had come into existence. It was written in the "Middle East" by a number of authors over several centuries of time. On the face of it you would think such a collection of writings would be a literary curiosity but nothing more. On the contrary, our generation like every generation before us has found the Bible speaking directly to the heart, speaking also to the conditions and circumstances of every era. If the Bible did not do this, if it were not (as the writer to the Hebrews puts it) "living and powerful," no amount of preaching by the church could have saved it from being forgotten. The Bible has many who will speak for it; but it does not need many to speak for it, for it will speak for itself. As Coleridge said, it has a way of "finding" us where we are. Put into a man's hands a Bible he can read — and this in America means a Bible in present-day English, not in the language of Shakespeare, for most persons —and he will discover that he holds a Book that is more than a book, a Book that is more alive than he is.

Authority of the Bible

Sometimes preachers, a bit over-enthusiastic, will make claims for the Bible it does not make for itself. They will tell us it "answers all questions." Of course it doesn't and it doesn't try to. As John Calvin said,—John Calvin, who always held the Bible as his Number One authority — if you want to know about the stars, study astronomy not Genesis. There are innumerable questions of fact and of judgment which the Bible does not answer. Its authority is in the highest and most intimate realm: **faith and life.** The great object of the Word of God is not to supply us with information about history, not even about the history of God's people. It is not to satisfy our curiosity about matters which we could not understand even if God dictated the answers to us by telephone. What the Bible does tell us, in many ways and some of them very plain-spoken indeed, are **truths of faith and life.** It gives us answers—God's answers—to questions such as these: What is the matter with me? How can I be what I want to be? Why am I here in this world? What is the matter with the world? How can I come to terms with God? What have I or what has any man to hope for? Is the universe friendly?

Light of the World

The Bible, in short, gives us God's word, his truth, about how we can become the kind of persons God wants us to be; how we can do what God wants us to do. The Bible is the authority not only for personal life but for life in contact with others. It does not give us rules, but it does give us principles. The great feature of the Bible, however, is neither rules nor principles. The great thing it does for us is to bring us face to face with Jesus Christ. The whole Bible points toward him.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Dec. 28.- Miss Maggie Hix is convalescing at home after spending a month in the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. Mrs W. M. Erwin, of Mount Ulla, N. C., is staying with her.

Pfc. John Wilson Hix and Mrs. Hix, of Fort Benning, Ga., are spending this week at the home of his father, Mr. Wilson Hix.

Mr. Witt Goin returned to his home last Thursday. For several weeks he had been in the University of Virginia Hospital recovering from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwood's dinner guests on Christmas Day were Mrs. J. T. Hix and Frances, of Richmond; Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black, Mary Rives, and Mrs. Lillian Clayton, Miss Kate Franklin, Rev. and Mrs. Anderson, all of Pamplin. Also Rev. and Mrs. Sam Harwood, of Victoria.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr and Mrs. E. A. Covington were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington and family, Mrs. Alice Covington Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin and family and Mesdames Colyer Parks and Jennie Young.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin on Christmas evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shuber, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swirtz, and Mrs. Jennie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson, Linda and Tommy, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Ural Carson and family, of Portsmouth spent Christmas week-end at the home of Mr. Ernest Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shuber, of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swirtz, of Washington, D. C. are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Baldwin.

Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Pleasants, of N. J. and Mrs. Harriett Charlton of Washington, D. C., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore.

Miss Ida Virginia Cavington was the week-end guest of Miss Anne Martin.

Mrs. Watkins McPhillips, of South Boston spent Christmas in the home of Mr. Ed McPhillips, her father-in-law. Pfc. Watkins McPhillips, who is in Germany, is due to be mustered out in June, 1955.

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